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Mr. Emmanuel MACRON,  
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# Sommet International des Jeunes Agriculteurs

International Summit of  
Young Farmers

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## **Manifesto 2019: Young Farmers speak out**

It is no longer possible to make decisions in agriculture without the input of young. It is for this reason that we have decided to bring together, from 15 to 17 April 2019 in Paris, organizations representing young farmers from the five continents, in order to consult each other on the future of our profession. These debates have enabled us to see that, everywhere in the world, we have common issues and challenges we face together.

On the one hand, we believe that we are at the centre of a major international challenge, food security. This responsibility requires that we have suitable working conditions. Our first messages are addressed to national and international policy makers. We identify several issues on which we would like to be able to establish a constructive dialogue:

- It seems crucial to us that our installation in agriculture is supported, given the risks we take as entrepreneurs. More broadly, we believe that three pillars are essential to encourage young farmers to set up:
  - facilitating access to land is a necessary condition for a real generational renewal in agriculture,
  - a real recognition of the farming profession by public authorities and citizens.
  - Allow young farmers to present and be listened to. So they are represented at the negotiating table
- As young people, we are certainly the first generation of farmers to fully realize the necessary evolutions in the face of climate change, while facing the consequences on a daily basis. In response to this challenge, we are calling for a global exchange program for young farmers. We need stable and robust strategies to support the necessary changes in agricultural practices over the long term. Faced with the impacts of climate hazards, we also call for an ambitious policy to manage the risks associated with unstable weather conditions.
- We believe that the structuring of agricultural sectors is a major issue to secure the income of young farmers. This requires first of all a strengthening of producer organizations, based in particular on models governed by farmers that create space for young people. This also

requires a renewed dialogue with all stakeholders in the food supply chain and on the promotion of innovative practices. Finally, we alert global decision-makers to the need to facilitate the strengthening of market regulation mechanisms, to put in place a framework for healthy trade relations that deter unfair trade practices.

On the other hand, the need for ambitious public policies to renew generations in agriculture, we wish to assure our determination to be the bearers of ambitious actions to modernize our sector.

The Paris Summit makes us realize how much the exchange of practices between young farmers on an international scale is a driver for solutions to our daily problems. Evolving our practices to adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change, making proposals on the settlement processes in agriculture or improving our representation in dialogues with stakeholders in the food value chains requires enhanced communication between our organizations.

More than just a conference, our Summit had a major objective: to reflect our ambition to continue discussions at the international level.

Representatives from the five continents have just agreed to set up an international and independent network of young farmers that will bring forward the voice of young farmers. This network should strengthen the dialogue between young farmers and enable us to improve the representation of young farmers in international forums. We have decided on three types of action:

- The creation of a platform for daily and continuous exchanges on all the challenges, including an exchange of good practices on these challenges;
- The establishment of a World Young Farmers' Day where everyone can act on the same day at the local level for a global effect
- The regular holding of an International Young Farmers' Summit, the next of which we can already announce in 2021 on the African continent

This network will be supported by the creation of an International Fund for Young Farmers

Through this manifesto, we are showing all the world's actors and decision-makers that the future of agriculture will happen only with young farmer.